

the basis of interventions and intensive private consultations, the Chairman issued a "Chairman's working paper". Although the paper tended to reflect the middle ground, agreement was not reached and the document was merely forwarded to the COW as a non-consensus Chairman's report. Numerous proposed amendments (Canada submitted a paragraph revising the disarmament and development language and attempted to reinforce the paragraph on NPT), were also available for the guidance of the COW Chairman.

Working Group II (Developments and Trends):

This working group under the chairmanship of FRG CD Ambassador Von Stulpnagel was tasked with addressing the most controversial substantive items of the conference, e.g., qualitative developments and the role of technology, future nuclear arms control measures, conventional arms, non-military aspects of security, including the disarmament and development relationship, and outer space. The Chairman began by placing a balanced and pragmatic non-paper before the group and presided over the airing of highly disparate views on virtually all subjects. Since the working group was unable to agree on the text of a report for the COW, the Chairman forwarded his own non-consensus text along with a large compilation of proposals. The process performed the useful function of making clear where all delegations stood on all central and controversial issues. Canada gave particular attention to the role of technology, conventional arms and the endorsement of verification principles.

Working Group III (Machinery):

The working group met under the chairmanship of the Cameroonian Permanent Representative in New York, Ambassador Engo. The Chairman's paper constituted a distillation of views expressed throughout the week, but could not, as with Working Groups I and II, muster consensus. Canada stressed the importance of the World Disarmament Campaign, the role of women and NGOs in the ACD process, and Canada's proposed UN NGO orientation programme. The tone of the meetings was generally unpolemical.

NGO Participation:

As with the earlier Special Sessions, the UN Secretary-General invited NGOs to be part of the deliberations of UNSSOD III. NGOs were also active on the margins of the Special Session. Their participation during the designated NGO Speakers' Days (June 8-9), when they addressed the COW, and in the ongoing lobbying efforts of national delegations must be underlined. A huge presence from Japan (over 1200) was notable. The contributions of